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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HINTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POULTRY/COGNAC

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED UNSATISFACTORY COMMISSION REPLY
TO USG EFFORTS SETTLE COGNAC PROBLEMS. SINCE COMMISSION
POSITION IS BUT SMALL STEP TOWARD MEETING OUT STATED CONDITIONS,
I FEAR FRED DENT WILL CONCLUDE THAT COGNAC DUTY MUST
BE INCREASED.

2. IN TERMS OUR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND EUROPE AS WHOLE,
INCREASE IN COGNAC DUTY WOULD CLEARLY CONSTITUTE POLITICALLY
DAMAGING ACT. PRIME MINISTER BARRE HAS PERSONALLY, THROUGH
AMBASSADOR RUSH, ASKED THAT WE BE REASONABLE. WE DON'T
NEED ALCOHOLIC DISCORD IN OUR RELATIONS AND HITTING
FRANCE WOULD NOT MAKE DEALING WITH AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS IN
TOKYO-ROUND ANY EASIER. THEREFORE, RECOGNIZING FULL WELL THAT
COMMUNITY RESPONSE IS DISAPPOINTING, I NEVERTHELESS
URGE YOU TO POINT OUT TO PRESIDENT THAT SOMETHING IS
BETTER THAN NOTHING AND THAT IN ANY CASE BORDER
CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD OVERRIDE URGE TO PURSUE THE
"POULTRY WAR." HINTON

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